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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6188**
Joh-e IKEDA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_0980
Serial No. 10/628,324 : Group Art Unit 1642
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated May 30, 2006.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and an election of species.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, claim 23, and the sequence of
SEQ ID NO: 3.

The claims readable on the elected species is claim 23.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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